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MEMORANDUM TO CHILE, FISCAL SECTION

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Subject : Payment to [REDACTED]

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum to this office dated 24 June 1947 concerning the payment of additional salary to [REDACTED]

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The enclosures in your memorandum are returned herewith, namely, copy of the [REDACTED], copy of memorandum for the record dated 1 May 1947, and voucher No. 3815 in the amount of [REDACTED] \$30,769, the U. S. equivalent of \$107,74. You request comments from this office concerning the propriety of payment of this voucher.

2. It is noted in the memorandum for the record, dated 1 May 1947, that the Acting Assistant Chief of the [REDACTED] station consulted an attorney on the recommendation of the Legal Advisor of the United States Embassy in [REDACTED]. The attorney conceded that under the law, the employee being dismissed was legally entitled to thirty days notice and indemnity representing fifteen days salary. He feels this office is not in a position to pass upon the legality of this payment. There appears to be a conflict of laws involved, i.e., whether the laws and regulations of the United States relating to employment would apply, or whether the law of [REDACTED] would apply, since the employment was entered into at Quito. Although a search of the matter could be conducted, it is felt no opinion of this office would be conclusive and certainly would not be determinative of the matter as far as the General Accounting Office is concerned.

3. It is suggested, therefore, that the voucher be presented to the General Accounting Office for determination. This office will assist you upon request in preparation of the necessary papers to be forwarded to GAO in this connection.

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Assistant General Counsel

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cc: [REDACTED]